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Topic: Permanency Planning Hearings

State law requires permanency planning hearings to ensure a child's right to a permanent home. The first permanency planning hearing is to occur one year after the original petition has been filed and on a yearly basis after that hearing. At the conclusion of the review hearing preceding the permanency planning review hearing, foster care workers should remind the court of this requirement if the court fails to schedule this specific hearing.

In order to comply with the CFSR PIP, the italic language was added as a worker responsibility. It has been in policy for six months, and we failed to notify courts. We apologize for the oversight.

The Department of Human Services